

**Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
September 13, 2018 MINUTES**

The September 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:33 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Erica Roth, and Jody Hoesly. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension Area Extension Director, Hayley Jordan, Green County Family Living Educator, Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Development Educator, Jackie McCarville, Green County Ag Educator, Donna Peterson, FoodWise Educator/Coordinator; and Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2018 meeting was made by Olson, second Hoesly. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Victoria Solomon** gave an update on the new Green County Leaders class; discussed Youth In Government; will be co-teaching URPL 590 class with Bryan Gadow; Regional CDS Meeting; scheduled dates for water testing in early November for Decatur, Jefferson, Spring Grove and Sylvester townships; 1-day left of Leadership Wisconsin Contract; discussed opportunity offered by State to participate in NELD Leadership Program in 2019.
- **Jackie McCarville** discussed farm visits; ID'ing weeds for clientele; Volunteering at Cheese Days for Family Farm Adventure and Beef/Pork Food Stand; World Dairy Expo; scheduled Fall/Winter Planning Meeting with Gene Schriefer/Amanda Cauffman; and Radio Interviews with Farm Talk on W.E.K.Z.
- **Donna Peterson** discussed planning after school programming with Rainbow Childcare during Christmas and Spring Breaks; Met with RoAnn Warden (Health Dept) to discuss Healthy Coalitions; getting more familiar with Green County.
- **Hayley Jordan** – waiting on a grant for Emergency Mental Health Care Project; CHIP Planning (helping as a Co-Chair) with Health Department; School Food Security Summit; “Taking Care of U” Family Living Training; Mental Health Meeting in Janesville for de-escalation & working with Monroe Police Department for better handling of Mental Health people during arrests; Reminder to register for the Mental Health Summit being held at UW-Platteville.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for August 2018 in the amount of \$4,179.12. Motion made by Roth, second by Hoesly, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried. Carter noted a new process is being presented for usage in coordination with credit cards. Butts will follow up.

Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager, presented the 2019 Preliminary Budgets for review and discussion:

- Tractor Safety- similar to last year, capped attendance at 20, fees collected offset most of class expenses.
- Pesticide Applicator Training—Estimated expenses based on approximately 20 participants.

- Clean Sweep –discussed grant money coming, applying for new grant for next year and should have enough funds for another year. Carter pointed out to remove the line item showing an impact to the tax levy.
- UW-Extension – Discussed changes due to vacant educator positions being filled, a reduction in income due to a postage check, and a reduction in the travel and operating expense areas to net a 1.2% increase overall.

To eliminate some cost, discussion was made to possibly move the Ag & Extension meeting to Thursdays at 12:30pm since several board members are currently in town. Follow up will continue with educators to see if that works in their schedules. Olson moved to accept the budgets as presented (with the levy change on the Clean Sweep budget) and Hoesly seconded. Motion passed. Butts noted the meeting with Finance is scheduled for September 20, 2018.

Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director, reported

- Dean WisLine meeting was successful and thanked the Green County office for hosting.
- Announced the Lafayette County Ag Educator position is being reposted
- Noted Iowa County is moving to pay more for a full-time 4-H Educator
- Noted Grant County is moving to pay more for a full-time Community Resource Educator
- Handed out a preliminary County contract for the committee to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- No other business was brought before the board.

Motion for next month's meeting to be October 3, 2018, at 12:30pm by Hoesly, second by Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, second by Hoesly to adjourn at 1:45 pm. Motion carried.